

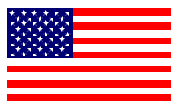
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Cadets asked to share experiences



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There's something honorable and worthy about being a cadet. If you're a current or former cadet, you know that better than anyone. Tell us about it.

Cadet Programs' MyCadetExperience project wants to know if being a cadet in the USAF Auxiliary has transformed you.

- ▶ Are you a better leader or more confident because of your cadet experience?
- ▶ Has the Cadet Program motivated you to become an aviator or pursue an aerospace career?
- ▶ Is the cadet ethic of integrity, community service, and excellence central to your life?
- ▶ Have you discovered something about yourself that only the Cadet Program could have brought out?

Send us a thoughtful paragraph (125 words or less) in response to one of the questions above.

We'll publish the best replies on our website and in an attractive booklet that can be shared with prospective members, CAP supporters, and families to showcase how the Cadet Program benefits American youth.

Responses will be accepted through **30 September 2002**. Send them to: HQ CAP / CPCA, 105 S Hansell St, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112 or via email to cpc@capnhq.gov. Include your name and CAPID. Submissions may be edited.

If you have gained anything from the Cadet Program, share that insight by contributing to *My Cadet Experience*. ♦

CAP musicians invited to play at Ancient Muster



EVENT

The CAP National Military Music Academy invites all CAP members who play fife, drum, or trumpet/bugle to participate with them at the Deep River Ancient Muster in Connecticut on Saturday, **20 July 2002**.

Thousands of spectators travel to Deep River each year to watch more than 70 fife and drum corps (more than 2,000 musicians) march in the Ancient Muster. Last year was the first year the NMMA participated.

Those interested can obtain more details by contacting Lt Col Jim Steinmeier CAP, at jsteinme@erols.com or 410-385-1390. ♦

OUR MISSION: Provide Civil Air Patrol with aerospace orientated programs and curricula that enhance the **leadership** and **life skills** of all cadet members and develops **responsible citizens** for the Air Force and the nation.

TLC trainers' course will be offered



EVENT

This fall, the Training Leaders of Cadets (TLC) program will be unveiled. TLC is designed to equip seniors with the skills they need to mentor cadets and manage the Cadet Program at the squadron level.

On Wednesday **14 August**, during the National Board meeting in Philadelphia, the TLC Trainers' Course will be offered. An 8-hour program, the trainer's course will teach experienced Cadet Programs leaders how to facilitate the TLC in their home wing.

If you are a director of Cadet Programs or other experienced Cadet Programs leader and you plan to attend, please email Rob Smith at cpc@capnhq.gov. ♦

Mitchell Cadets Inherit the Legacy of Aerospace Power

Essay by **Curt LaFond**, HQ CAP Cadet Programs

WHO BETTER TO FULFILL BILLY MITCHELL'S DREAM than CAP cadet officers, the Mitchell cadets?

Gen. Mitchell risked his career by arguing that American commerce, scientific achievement, and security depends on aerospace power. His message remains true today. America must understand that aerospace will be its source of strength, prosperity, and wonder in the 21st century.

Cadet officers -- America's most knowledgeable and enthusiastic young aerospace leaders -- are perfect candidates for contributing to Mitchell's legacy. They can educate the public why aerospace matters. As graduates of Phase II of the Cadet Program, they have mastered fundamentals of aerospace and are beginning to study the field in depth. Further, as youth with proven leadership skills, they would make convincing advocates of aerospace power and ambassadors for aerospace excitement.

How can cadet officers enrich the public's appreciation of aerospace? First, senior member leadership is essential. The squadron commander or aerospace officer should contact community leaders and offer to bring the message of aerospace to them. Then that senior should help the cadet develop an aerospace presentation for the Rotary, Kiwanis, elementary school, summer day camp, day care center, nursing home, Cub Scout pack, or other group. Billy Mitchell would want to expose those citizens to aerospace, if only in a small way.

The cadet's presentation could be as simple as a five-minute speech to adults on why aerospace is important to America. Or better yet, use a little imagination and have youth or adults participate in one of the hands-on activities featured in the new Aerospace Excellence (AEX) program (see www.capnhq.gov and click "Aerospace" for details). The main goal is for ordinary people to see aerospace's potential to achieve the extraordinary.

This initiative should not become yet another burden on cadet officers. Nor should senior members regard CAP's aerospace education mission as the cadets' responsibility. However, when a senior member helps a cadet officer share their enthusiasm for aerospace with a civic or youth group, everybody wins.

**Can cadet officers
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aerospace?**

In the process, CAP might reap other benefits, too. Our image would be strengthened through the community exposure. Cadets would obtain leadership experience in a real-world environment. By fascinating others with aviation and space activities, cadets would be encouraged by the audience's response and grow more excited about aerospace. And, we might recruit new members or obtain financial support. Yet those possibilities are of secondary importance because sharing enthusiasm for aerospace should be an act of community service.

If Billy Mitchell were alive he would salute America's finest young aerospace leaders for serving their community and bringing the wonder of aerospace to the public. Will Mitchell's cadets add to his legacy? ♦

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

New cadets will receive instructions on uniform wear

New cadets normally receive a copy of the *CAP Uniform Manual*, CAPM 39-1, when they join CAP.

However, that publication is being revised. Until the revision is released, hard copies of CAPM 39-1 dated 1997 are unavailable, although members may continue to download it at www.capnhq.gov (click "Publications").

In the meantime, when cadets join CAP, national headquarters will send them excerpts from the optional CAPP 52-9, *Cadet Orientation Course* (formerly CAPP 50-9). Those excerpts will help cadets learn how to properly wear the BDU and USAF-style blue uniform.

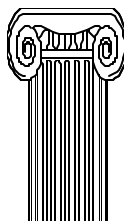
The *Cadet Orientation Course* was designed to help squadrons train new cadets while waiting for their membership materials to arrive. In 1998, every squadron with cadets received two sets of the texts. Units may purchase CAPP 52-9 by calling the CAP Bookstore at 800.633.8768. It is priced at \$9 and is catalog # 316J.

Cadet Programs hopes the excerpts from CAPP 52-9 helps new cadets wear the uniform properly and proudly. ♦

**Myths
DISPELLED**

Did you know that temporary grades or "field promotions" are not authorized, even for encampments?

Ref: CAPR 52-16, *Cadet Program Management*, Para. 2-11 ♦



Classic Leadership

"Some men see things as they are and say,
'Why?'
I dream of things that never were and say,
'Why not?'"

ROBERT F KENNEDY 1925-68

